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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, GE, WB, FR
SUBJ: ALLIED RESPONSE TO GDR VISA REQUIREMENTS:
FRENCH VIEWS

REFS: A. BONN 00159. B. JAEGER-GERMAN TELECON JAN 5.

1. DURING COINCIDENTAL MEETING WITH PLAISANT MORNING
JAN 5, PLAISANT WAS CLEARLY UNINFORMED BONN GROUP
SITUATION DESCRIBED REFTEL; AGREED THAT GDR ACTIONS
CONSTITUTED SERIOUS PROBLEM; BUT ARGUED BOTH AGAINST
VISA COUNTERMEASURES IN WEST BERLIN (WHICH WOULD RUN
COUNTER WESTERN IDEA FREE CIRCULATION), OR AGAINST
MAKING PROTEST TO SOVIETS (SOVIETS NEITHER DID NOR
SAID ANYTHING).

2. PLAISANT CLEARLY DID AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT REBUTTING
GDR STATEMENTS ON STATUS OF BERLIN WAS IMPORTANT.
QUAI SPOKESMAN HAD THEREFORE JUST BEEN INSTRUCTED BY
FOREIGN MINISTER TO REPLY TO EXPECTED QUESTIONS THIS
AFTERNOON ALONG LINES:
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(A) THAT GDR DECLARATIONS DO NOT AFFECT VALIDITY
QA AND STATUS OF BERLIN, AND
(B) THAT GDR EXTENSION VISA REQUIREMENTS INCON-
SISTENT WITH VISA PROVISIONS HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

3. IN RESPONSE, REITERATED DURING SUBSEQUENT TELECON,
EMBOFF UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO JOINT

ISSUANCE ALLIED PRESS STATEMENT, PERHAPS ALONG LINES
TEXT JUST AGREED TO AD REFERENDUM IN BONN, AND
EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT TODAY'S FRENCH PRESS
REPLIES WOULD NOT HAVE EFFECT OF UNDERCUTTING PRO-
POSED ALLIED STATEMENT. PLAISANT ANSWERED (1:00 P.M.
PARIS TIME) THAT HE DID NOT YET HAVE FRENCH MISSION
REPORT OF YESTERDAY'S BONN GROUP DISCUSSIONS, BUT
THAT QUAI HAD NO REPEAT NO INTENTION OF USING ANY
REPLIES MADE TODAY IN PARIS AS DEVICE FOR AVOIDING A
COORDINATED ALLIED STATEMENT.

4. PLAISANT ALSO READILY AGREED TO MEET EMBOFF AGAIN
EARLY JAN 6, FOR FULLER DISCUSSION US VIEWS (IN
RESPONSE SUGGESTION BONN'S REFTTEL), WHEN PLAISANT
HOPED TO BE MORE AU COURANT.
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